

than twenty years, he purchased Hurlbut Calcium and Chemical from the family. Frederick focused on reinvesting in the plant and equipment to produce a diverse and high-quality product line, and changed the name of the firm to Great Lakes Calcium Corporation.

In 1996, Wesley Hurlbut Garner II, became the fifth-generation family member to continue the entrepreneurial spirit by further expanding product lines. In 2015, Wes changed the company's name to GLC Minerals, LLC and launched GLC Integrated Services, LLC, a trans-load company serving Wisconsin's dairy industry with cost-effective movement of product from rail to truck to farm. GLC Minerals continues to grow and support our local business community and the broader Green Bay community, as it did in the early days when it helped to establish and support the Greater Green Bay Chamber.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members of this body to join me in applauding GLC Minerals and the Hurlbut family legacy for their 150 years of success.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY CON- TEST WINNERS

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, this year, I hosted the first-ever Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Essay Contest for Northern Mariana Islands middle school and high school students. This contest gives students in my district the opportunity to showcase their writing skills and reflect on their unique experiences living in the Northern Mariana Islands. This year's essay prompt encouraged students to share how the Asian and Pacific Islander community has impacted them, and what the Marianas community can do to best celebrate and respect the diversity in our islands.

I would like to congratulate the 44 students who participated. A volunteer panel of judges reviewed the essays and chose Jia Ross Nicdao and Camille Torres Hocog as this year's winners of the middle school and high school division, respectively. Jia, an 8th grade student at Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School, wrote about her experience as a young Asian American in the Northern Mariana Islands. Camille, a sophomore at Marianas High School, wrote about diversity and unity.

I am proud to include in the RECORD the essays submitted by Jia and Camille:

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER, JIA ROSS NICDAO, ADMIRAL HERBERT G. HOPWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH GRADE

Even though it is a small area, the Northern Marianas Islands are undeniably full of different cultures and traditions. Many ethnic groups, specifically Asian citizens and Pacific Islanders, proudly call the CNMI their home; they comprise more than 80 percent of Saipan's population. Whether you were born or migrated from a different country, we still thrive as a community to empower one another.

My parents immigrated to the CNMI for work and started a family here. My identity

as Asian American has been a little confusing. In the beginning, I felt as if I did not deserve to be a member of the Filipino community. I felt like my opinions and thoughts were invalid when discussing Filipino topics because I was raised away from the area of action and lived abroad. My different living situation made me feel as if I do not deserve the recognition Filipinos got. I struggled to find a label that I connected to, so I decided to research Filipino culture. At that moment was when I found out about the ethnic group that I was unknowingly part of, known as Asian Americans, who are Americans with Asian ancestry and/or children of immigrated parents. This community was something I finally related to. On the island, I never felt indifferent because of my ethnicity, which was opposite to my other feelings. I was surrounded by other Asians, so whenever I was around them, I felt like I belonged with them. I liked that I could relate with other Asian Americans through shared experiences; it gave me comfort. Most of the representation here in the CNMI has been positive. When I see members from this community succeed, it not only impacts the view and generalization for our community, but it also empowers me personally to strive for that success. It pushes me to fulfill the achievements that others succeeded in. It motivates me to become involved in that success and also positively represent the community. I am one of those community members, and I am proud to represent the Asian American Community.

I believe one of the best ways to respect and celebrate diversity in this community is by educating ourselves on each other's cultures. We can set an example for other communities to participate in Asian American and Pacific Islander appreciation month by first doing it within the community. Sharing about our experiences; getting to know each others' viewpoints is an expressive way to understand each others' lifestyles. Also, researching appropriate behaviors and mannerism is critical to be aware of when talking to other people from different countries; we should never offend anyone and be disrespectful. If we remove the negative energy between nationalities in the community, we can work together as one and spread love with other communities. Overall, being part of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community comes with many responsibilities, so being one with each other will help us all accomplish many goals.

HIGH SCHOOL WINNER, CAMILLE TORRES HOCOG,
MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL, SOPHOMORE

The Northern Mariana Islands; an archipelago of islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Despite our small and rather remote location, an abundance of cultures within the Asian and Pacific Islander community reside here. Descendants from all around the Asian-Pacific region call our islands home.

As a young Chamorro woman who is indigenous to these islands, this place means a significant amount to me. I take great pride in my roots and where I come from, for it is a source of my values, confidence, goals, and morals. But there's one thing about my Chamorro identity that has always stuck out to me; I am a result of the perseverance of my people. Among the Pacific Islands, the Marianas has the longest history of colonialism. To this day, we are still experiencing its lasting effects. As I grow and learn even more about my heritage, the more I have an understanding of who I am in this world. Each moment of understanding reminds me that because of my ancestor's resilience, I want to live my life in fulfilling ways that would make them and my islands proud today.

Being from the islands also means connecting and building friendships with people

of different cultures, majority of them being from within the API community. Reflecting on these friendships made me realize how truly broad the term "API" is, almost like it's a bigger picture. Despite all of us being boxed into this term, looking a bit closer and seeing the great amount of cultural diversity within this group makes you realize how beautifully inclusive it is. Without a doubt, there is a wealth of culture within the Asian-Pacific region, and it's absolutely evident here in the Marianas. Being able to share our cultural stories, arts, and experiences with each other is, in my opinion, the best way to celebrate our similarities and differences this month.

One unforgettable experience in regards to the sharing of my culture would be in 2016, where I went on a student exchange trip to Japan. I was in 6th grade at the time. For a couple of days, I stayed with a host family of four; one mom, one dad, one daughter, and one younger son. The mom was the only one who spoke English. I remember they'd take me to different places around their hometown, such as restaurants, the park, and different Japanese sites. With them, I was able to experience firsthand what it was like to live in a Japanese household.

One morning before the daughter had to go to school, she asked me to teach her some Chamorro words so that she could show them to her friends. I taught her a few simple phrases such as "Hafa Adai" and "Buenas Dias". Her mom translated for us, and she was able to write down these words on a notepad and take it with her to school.

Having that experience at such a young age shaped the way I see culture today. It showed me that simply sharing our parts of the world and understanding each other's background is, again, the best way to celebrate our cultural diversities.

As we all know, May is a special month for us Asian and Pacific Islanders. It's a month for us to celebrate our achievements, contributions, and our heritage. It's an occasion where many within the community open up about their experiences being Asian and/or Pacific Islander. Whether it be about the struggles or moments of contentment, it would be the time to listen to and grasp onto our words. Despite this month being named API Heritage Month, we shall continue to listen to and uplift each other's voices even after May ends. All throughout time, we will celebrate diversity and unity. Thank you for reading.

CHRISTOPHER JAMES LLEWELLYN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher James Llewellyn. Christopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 401, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 39 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christopher has been inducted into the Order of the Arrow and is the Sr. Patrol Leader of his troop. Christopher has also contributed to